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ALLIUM PARVUM **SMALL ONION**

Small Onion is a perennial with leaves that are 3-5 cm long overtopping the inflorescence, arising from solitary or clustered egg-shaped bulbs with brown or gray fine-textured coats. The 2 leaves are sickle-shaped, flat, 2-5 mm wide and arise from near the base of the stem. The pink flowers are borne on stalks that are 7-10 mm long, in a hemispherical inflorescence that is subtended by 2 papery, narrowly elliptic bracts at the top of the distinctly flattened stem. Each flower has 6 narrowly lance-shaped, petal-like tepals, that are 7-10 mm long, and 6 stamens, that are shorter than the tepals. The ovary has 3 rounded crests on top. Flowering in late May-June.

The flattened stem and fine-textured bulb coats separate this species from the similar *A. SIMILLIMUM*, *A. TEXTILE* and *A. BRANDEGEI*.